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Mr. Ben Mykijewycz  
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841 Chestnut Building  
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Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mr. Mykijewycz:

Attached please find three uncontrolled final copies of the preliminary assessment for Mack Trucks, Incorporated prepared under TDD No. F3-8712-17.

Please endorse below confirming that you have recieved the attached subject data and return the form to the above address.

Sincerely,

*Garth Glenn /ls*

Garth Glenn  
Regional Operations Manager,  
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Attachments

Signature: *Mad Yr Ben*  
Ben Mykijewycz

Date: *3/25/88*



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Subject: Final Report  
TDD No. F3-8712-17  
EPA No. PA-956  
Mack Trucks, Incorporated  
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Mykijewycz:

Submitted herewith is a final Preliminary Assessment report for the subject site. Based on our review of available data, we have concluded that EPA should consider the following:

- No further action is warranted at this time.

The inactive 40- to 45-acre site is located within the corporate limits of Allentown, Pennsylvania. From 1903 until 1985, the plant operated as a parts fabrication facility producing items used in the assembly of trucks at another plant. As it became more profitable, Mack Trucks, Incorporated began to purchase parts from other companies, thereby virtually eliminating the need to continue operations at the site. Also, because of a labor dispute, Mack Trucks, Incorporated decided to relocate to South Carolina, forcing production in Allentown to be phased out.

Wastes produced at the site during Mack Trucks' operation included chromium shavings, phenol, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, other metal shavings, lubricants, and coolant water, along with detergent wash and rinsewater. Information suggests that solvents and other wastes were incinerated while still other waste had been stored in underground storage tanks. Also, the plant discharged wastes into Little Lehigh Creek by way of three outfalls. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PA DER) investigations cited the presence of oily substances in the stream which emanated from one of the former outfalls. Mack Trucks officials maintain that there was no on-site disposal of wastes.



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TDD No. F3-8712-17  
EPA No. PA-956  
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Dear Mr. Mykijewycz:

Submitted herewith are the responses to peer review comments for the subject site. All typographic errors have been corrected and grammatical changes have been made where appropriate.

In response to comments by Peter Kho, the following is offered.

1. Property ownership and usage have been clarified in section 2.2.
2. The phrase "industrial waste" in the first paragraph of section 2.5 has been clarified.
3. In the first paragraph of section 2.6, the statement is made that there has been no Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PA DER)-approved remedial work. According to available information, this statement is correct as written. A PA DER closure plan is available for the Twelfth Street plant but not for the subject site.
4. The location of the surface water intake has been clarified in section 3.1.